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Modern Elementary School Is Planned For Old Greenbelt - Question Is Where

by Elaine Skolnik

For many years Greenbelt city councils and the Prince Georges County Board of Education have discussed the rehabilitation of historic Greenbelt Center School. Then in mid-1988 school officials began to seriously consider building, instead, a modern school on an alternative site in Old Greenbelt. In future issues the *News Review* will present a series of articles on the subject

During the upcoming weeks the Prince Georges County School Board staff will be preparing for a January public information meeting in Greenbelt dealing with both the renovation of Center School and the possible alternative of building a new elementary school at another location. Under consideration is the abandoned North End school site on Ridge Road between Laurel Hill and Research Roads in Old Greenbelt. Now owned by the City of Greenbelt, part or all of the North End School structure has already been proposed for rehabilitation and for use as

an arts center, as well as for child day-care and senior citizen programs. The only programs approved by council so far are senior day-care and drop-in centers. The city has received a grant for the day-care program, but has been unable to find a day-care provider. The city's request for a grant for the drop-in center was denied.

Following the public information meeting, a public opinion poll on the options for a Greenbelt elementary school will be distributed to parents and the Greenbelt community. School board member Suzanne Plogman and the majority of the Greenbelt city council members have indicated that the poll results will have an impact on their final position.

Apparently the option of building a new elementary school facility surfaced publicly at the July 1988 two-day charette concerning Center School. Two alternatives were presented at the sessions to the participating school administrators and community members: to rebuild Center School within the historic trust guidelines, creating as useful an educational structure as possible; or to locate a new site

and plan a wholly new structure with the most advanced educational design. Financially the two alternatives were projected to cost about the same, exclusive of site acquisition for a new building.

At the time R. C. Garcia, charette coordinator and Vice President of SHWC, the architectural firm given the mandate to study the possible rehabilitation of Center School, indicated that the best educational value would be achieved by building a new school, but that the best social and cultural solution would be gained by restoring the existing building.

The school board staff had hoped that a preliminary decision would be made in the fall of 1988 by the school system's Facilities Committee so that an application for state funding could be initiated before the state's annual September deadline. Because the issues are complex, however, a final decision by the school board on whether to rehabilitate Center School has been postponed until mid-1989.

Another Alternative

In the meantime the process stalled in September when the

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Council Splits over Criticism of Staff Delay on Completing North End Report

by

Heather Elizabeth Peterson

The decision to negotiate for the purchase of Parcel 1 was overshadowed at the November 29 regular city council meeting by council's violently mixed reactions to the news that the city staff had not yet completed the requested report on the North End Center. In a small item that was part of the consent agenda, council directed that the city begin negotiations for the acquisition of Parcel 1, and after the council meeting councilmembers met in an executive session to discuss more exact instructions to the city manager and city solicitor for the negotiation.

Greater emotion was raised by City Manager James K. Giese's announcement that staff had not yet completed the report on the renovation and use of North End. Giese said he had tried to get the report to council this month. He also indicated that the lake park plan report might not meet its December deadline.

In relation to the North End center, Giese offered the news

that the Maryland Office on Aging had denied Greenbelt a grant for a senior citizen center there until Prince Georges County completes a master plan, which Giese estimates to be a year from now.

Deadline Demanded

Staff's failure to present its report prompted Mayor pro tem Joseph C. Isaacs to add North End to the meeting's agenda. Isaacs said he wanted to be given a new and definite deadline for the report.

Giese had said that several variables had prevented staff from completing the report. To this comment, councilmember Thomas X. White replied that the variables were for council alone to deal with and that they should not slow up the report.

Giese met the criticism with a quiet admission that "I failed," and went on to outline his reasons for not having the report finished. He said that he had failed to take into consideration how often he would be out of the city in November, and that staff had been working on several projects simultaneously, such as the bond issue and the day-to-day operation. Giese asked that council indicate in the future which projects have priority.

In the meantime, he said, staff could either continue with its various duties and finish the report as soon as possible or it could "drop everything else" and work solely on the two reports.

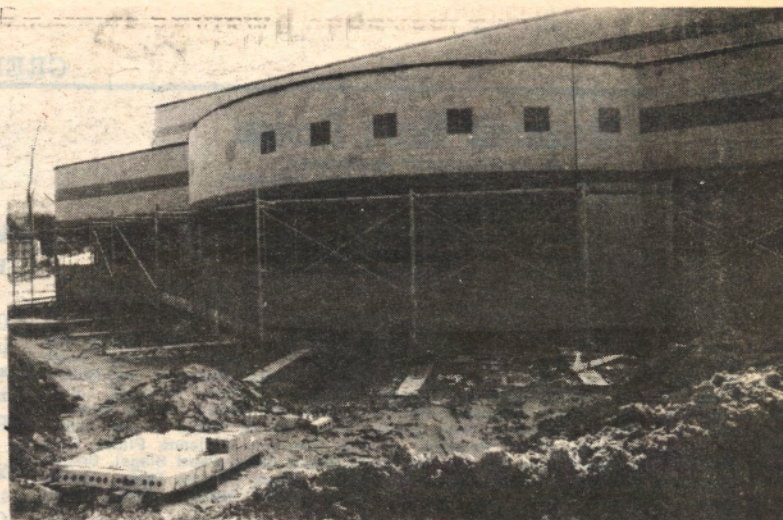
Councilmember Edward Putens repeated the request that the reports be done by a firm date, with Giese replying that "they will be done by a certain date if council does not direct me to do stuff that interferes with doing it."

Councilmember Antoinette Bram reminded council that staff must deal with many issues. She said, "There are certain factions for each particular issue that want the thing to move faster, and if they scream and cry at the right time, then members of council are going to go after Jim or Mike or whoever it's appropriate to."

She added, "I hate to force reports because I don't think that you get the same kind of creativity that you get with reports that are developed with proper research and background. So I'm not playing this game..."

Isaacs disputed Bram's use of the word "game." "No one doubts the city manager's hard work," he said, and declared that he

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The design of the new police building offers a 1980's version of the art deco styling used for Greenbelt's original public buildings in the Center in 1937. Inside the bay, shown above, will be the squad room and the detectives' office.

— photo by Bill Cornett

Police Station Taking Shape; Scheduled to Open in April

by Bill Cornett

The new Police Station on Ridge Road is entering its final phase of construction, and members of the department are eagerly anticipating its opening, scheduled for April. "It couldn't come too soon for us," said David Buerger, public information officer for the department. "Everyone is affected by the crunch over here." Their present quarters have 6,500 sq. ft., the new building will have 16,000 sq. ft.

The new station should ease conditions for city workers, too. "We're so crowded down there and there's not enough parking," said Dorothy Lauber, Secretary to the city manager. "They really need that facility, and we need the space that they have now."

Officer Buerger also pointed out that safety and security will be improved in the new station. "We had 17 prisoners one night from a drug raid on Parkway Road," he said, "and we were locking some prisoners to doorknobs in the City Council Room. Our present lock-up can only hold one prisoner safely. The new one will be able to hold five."

The new facility will also have some things that the Greenbelt Police have never had before, such as a darkroom, an evidence bay big enough to hold cars, and a workout room.

Architecture

The design of the building, with its block design in front and wide frame windows, harmonizes very well with the art deco motif of original Greenbelt. The structure was designed by the Greenbelt architectural firm of Parker and Grimm. Walter Cotter, one of the foremen on the site, gave a tour of the building, starting

on the site, has lived in Greenbelt for 35 years. "I think it's going to be really nice," he says about the new station that his hands are helping to build, "they sure need it. In the place they're working in now, one officer said, they're tripping all over each other, and working out of trailers." One of the things he likes best about his present job is the commute. "I walk to work."

Bill Lipscomb works for the general contractor on the job, coordinating and supervising the construction. "Nearly everything we are putting in here is state of the art," he said. He believes it will serve Greenbelt's needs for quite a long time.

For Greenbelt, with its increasing development and increasing crime, the new station will certainly be a needed tool. "It's going to help everyone in the department," says Officer Buerger, "especially in this day and age, when we are dealing with a lot more arrests than we have been in the past."

Surplus Food Program Helps 99 Local Families

The Prince Georges County quarterly surplus food program was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday and Thursday, December 7 and 8. While only butter, flour and a small portion of dry milk were available, the volunteers were able to serve 99 households, approximately one-half of which were Greenbelters. The remaining recipients were from College Park, Berwyn Heights and Beltsville.

Queens Chapel Rd. Closed

Queens Chapel Road has been closed to traffic between the intersections with Baltimore Blvd. (Rt. 1) and East-West Highway (Rt. 410) since Nov. 8. According to the office of the mayor of the Town of University Park, the northbound lane of this part of Queens Chapel Road will be closed for at least two years in conjunction with Metrorail tunnel construction beneath the roadway.

WHAT GOES ON

Mon., Dec. 19, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Bldg.

Mon., Dec. 26, Christmas Holiday, City Offices Closed

with the chief's office in the south-west corner. "There's a radius (curved wall) in the back that is a nice architectural feature," he said, looking out over the woods that separate the building from Kenilworth Avenue. There are many large windows in the rear of the structure that open out on those woods, another major change from the department's present quarters. "This place is even bigger inside than it looks from the outside," said Cotter.

Richard Perry, an electrician

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Carriers Bring Greetings

Around this time of year it is customary for the News Review delivery boys and girls to make personal calls on the homes they service to present Christmas cards and greetings. The News Review's financial position is such that we cannot pay our carriers very high remuneration. They are therefore dependent on generous holiday donations to supplement their nominal pay.

Most of the carriers range in age from pre-teen to the middle teens. For the younger boys and girls, delivering the News Review is their first job experience. Many of the older carriers started at a young age and continue to deliver the News Review mainly as a service to their neighborhood. It is a learning process for all these youngsters and, in some cases, the instillation of responsibility takes time and patience.

The holiday season affords us all a chance to show appreciation and to provide encouragement for the efforts of these youngsters and at the same time to show understanding for any failings that might have occurred during the year.

Again this year the carriers may leave envelopes rather than cards when they find no one at home. We hope these envelopes, equipped with the carrier's name and address, will be helpful to our readers who wish to show such appreciation. In case the carrier's name or address is in doubt, envelopes may be mailed to the News Review, Post Office Box 68, Greenbelt, MD 20770, for forwarding. Please include your address so we can identify your carrier.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS DISPLAY AT WATKINS REGIONAL

The Winter Festival of Lights, which opened last Friday at Watkins Regional Park near Kettering, features a drive-through display of spectacular holiday lights: a glittering tree, Santa and his reindeer, a handsome fox and other woodsy creatures, a gingerbread house and a "path of peace" — in all some 60,000 lights requiring miles of electric wiring. Spotlights illuminate the forest behind the displays, setting a wondrous winter scene which can be viewed from the warmth of one's car. The display runs each evening from dark till 9:30 p.m. through Dec. 30.

The park can be reached by following Greenbelt Rd. east and south as it becomes Enterprise Rd. and then Watkins Park Dr. or Route 556.

With the theme of "Peace through Diversity," future festivals will increasingly reflect the multitude of ethnic groups within Prince Georges County.

Visitors are asked to bring donations of canned food and also to plan to donate time and money toward building a bigger and more varied display next year. This year's festival is co-sponsored by the Prince Georges Public Schools and the Prince Georges Parks and Recreation Foundation and is coordinated by the Prince Georges Planning Board.

Children's Acting Classes Present Holiday Production

The Children's Acting Classes sponsored by the Greenbelt Arts Center will present a holiday production on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 3 in the Youth Center. Students in each of the three classes, who range in age from 6-13 years, will present short pieces on the theme of "A Time of Giving." The public is cordially invited to this free event to view the efforts of Greenbelt's young actors and actresses.

Umpire Classes Announced

The Metropolitan Baseball Umpires Association has announced its new umpire training classes for the 1989 season. Classes will be conducted each Wed. from 7:30 to 9:30 pm beginning Jan. 18 through Mar. 8 at High Point High School in Beltsville. Training sessions will feature rules interpretation and practical field work.

Classes are open to men and women who want to umpire college, high school, and summer youth baseball. The MBUA officiates baseball in five Maryland counties (Prince Georges, Montgomery, Howard, Charles, and Calvert), two Northern Virginia counties (Arlington and Fairfax), and the District of Columbia. For more information please contact Mike Mastrangelo 464-5940, Milt Gustafson 248-5119, or Joe Fontana 573-4296.

LETTERS

Voluntary Recycling

To the Editor:

I just finished reading Leo Green's letter in the December 1 issue of the News Review. I agree with Senator Green that it is time for mandatory recycling programs to be legislated.

Until the time when these kinds of programs are implemented, there are many things Greenbelters can do on a voluntary basis.

For instance: 1) Glass, metal, paper and oil can be taken to the collection center for recycling. 2) Request paper bags instead of plastic when shopping and reuse those plastic bags at shops where you don't have the choice. 3) Many products that come packed in plastic are also available in biodegradable or recyclable packaging, such as powdered laundry detergent as opposed to liquid, and soft drinks in glass or aluminum instead of plastic.

We can all help by choosing for the environment when given the choice and by speaking out when no choice is available. Let's make Greenbelt an example to others by not only fighting to keep Greenbelt green, but also to keep Greenbelt clean.

Susan Withers

Golden Age Club

by Mary Gardner

Our Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 21 at 11 a.m. at the Youth Center. The club is furnishing the dinner and volunteers have signed up to bring cookies and punch for dessert. There will be a Christmas "Grab Bag" with gifts from Santa.

Our meeting on December 28 has been cancelled by popular vote.

Members donated 35 gifts plus money to "Operation Santa" to help make Christmas happier for patients at Spring Grove Hospital and other Prince Georges facilities.

Wednesday, January 4, will be our monthly business meeting.

Ice Skating at the Lake

The Greenbelt Lake is open for ice skating when weather conditions are favorable. In order to provide a wholesome, safe activity the city has developed certain guidelines that should be followed. During cold weather persons interested in ascertaining the conditions of the ice at the lake should call the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 474-6878.

It is impossible to continually test ice thickness over all areas of the lake, so skating will always be at the risk of the participant. Recommended areas of skating are the shore lines and the bay around the peninsula. The lake around the dam and the spillway should be avoided, as open water is usually found in these areas. Skaters should also avoid gathering in groups on the ice.

No fires will be allowed at the lake except those provided by the city because of the scarcity of firewood and danger from brush fires. No skating will be allowed on the lake after dark.

All skaters and parents should keep in mind the dangers involved in ice sports. A person who falls through the ice is in danger of drowning and freezing if he is not cared for immediately.

Clarification

To the Editor:

Our letter in the Greenbelt News Review of November 10 appears to have been misunderstood and some points need clarification:

1. We have a high regard for the National Guard and its personnel, and we do think firefighting in drought-stricken areas is one of its activities that it is to be commended for. We said what we meant. There was no intention to be snide.

2. A citizen's comment on the inappropriateness of military equipment in the Lake Park has nothing to do with patriotism or the lack thereof. Discussion of an objective issue should always be free and open without such connotations.

3. We hope that the second Annual National Guard Awareness Day will (a) be a success, and (b) be held in a more suitable location.

Sidney O. Kastner
 Bernice Kastner

GIFTMAKING WORKSHOP FOR SHL CHILDREN

The Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge is offering children the opportunity to make their own Christmas presents for their parents and others. Keychains, Christmas tree ornaments, bookmarks, message buttons, magnets for the fridge, and wreath ornaments will be made on December 22 at 6:30 p.m. The activities are open to Springhill Lake children ages five and up. For more information, please call the Fountain Lodge (474-4555).

Candles to Highlight Walk in the Woods

Come out of hibernation all ye Greenbelters and venture to explore the enchanting depths of the great north woods with members of the Committee to Save the Green Belt on Saturday, December 17 at 4 p.m. The trail will be lighted by candles to a clearing in the woods where there will be some holiday festivities supplemented with hot chocolate and "s'mores" melt-down. The candlelight walk will begin at the end of Northway extended. Raindate is Sunday, December 18 at 4 p.m. Call Paul at 474-4653 or Rodney at 345-5427 for more information.

50th Anniversary Book Still Available

Of the 2000 copies of "Greenbelt—History of a New Town 1937-1987," published a year ago, only 453 books remain unsold. Total sales thus far account for \$35,699, including \$3,094 in royalties. Total expenses incurred by the committee which produced the book (largely the cost of reproducing photographs) and in publishing 1,500 hard cover and 500 soft cover copies of the book totalled \$33,022.40. Thus the project has passed its break-even point, providing, thus far, a profit of \$2,676.60. The remaining books (124 hard cover and 329 soft cover) are available for purchase at the city's finance office on the first floor of the Municipal Building.

The book was a 50th Anniversary project officially sponsored by the City of Greenbelt. It is a 288 page, library edition chronicle of the city's history. It contains more than 300 photographs.

Impression Corrected

To the Editor:

Two sentences were left out of my letter of December 8 which changed the meaning. The resulting impression was that I was saying that putting swings on the Center School swing set would be sufficient to improve educational quality. This is not what was intended.

The point is that the entire operating and maintenance budget needs to be increased. The swingset is only one indicator of underfunding in general.

Ruth Kastner

Lost Friend

To the Editor:

I very much hope that you can help me. I am looking for an old friend who I knew in Greenbelt in the '40's.

The girl's name was Jare Townsend and I believe she had a brother named Charles—also the father's name, I think.

My father was stationed with the Navy at Bethesda, MD and we lived in the Greenbelt project.

Any help would be appreciated.
 (Mrs.) Mildred Grant Giddings
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 92399

Free Course Forming For Senior Citizens

Remember the "good old days" — when roads were clear and traffic congestion was the exception! — When you received service at the service station? — When a typical family was a dad who worked, a mom who stayed home, and three children? — When life seemed much slower and simpler! — When it was easy to get a good night's sleep?

A new class starting in mid-January will examine and explain our feelings and frustrations in today's world. It will also examine how other cultures deal with similar situations.

Greenbelt resident Betty Timer will teach this course, entitled "Psychology of Modern Living for Senior Citizens." Sponsored by Prince Georges Community College, this eight-week program will be held every Friday morning from 9 to 10:30 a.m. starting January 13 at the Greenbelt Youth Center. It is free.

Come join a fun-filled, informal but informative discussion group. Register with Karen Haseley at the Greenbelt Recreation Department (474-6878) before December 30. Come alone or bring a friend!

Greenbelt Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts Christmas Tree Sale

Scotch Pine
 White Pine

BATTING CAGE AREA

(next to Braden Field Tennis Courts)
 Park behind St. Hugh's School

Open:

Weekdays: 6-9 p.m.
 Saturdays: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
 Sundays: Noon - 9 p.m.

(Dec. 9 till sold out)

Greenbelters Score in Senior Citizen Olympic Competition

by Marcie Birk

Six Greenbelt residents brought Olympic glory home in the form of medals won at this year's Maryland's Senior Olympics. The Olympics were held at Towson State University at the beginning of October.

Professor Arthur Endres, 75, was the second highest medal winner for Prince Georges County. He won six medals for the shotput, discus, javelin throw, singles badminton, horseshoes and basketball floor shooting. Harvey Geller placed first in the 65 to 69 age group in the 1500 meter racewalk, the 10,000 meter (6 1/4 mile) bicycle race, the 5000 meter (3 1/4 mile) bicycle race, and the .5 mile bicycle race.

Mary Duvall, 70, and Alberta Tompkins, 66, both won silver medals for placing second for their age groups in the 1 mile novice walk. Esther Yalowitz won medals in the 50 yard free-style swimming race and the 100 yard backstroke race. Alfonso Geiger, 63, captured the bronze medal for the 100 meter dash.

This was the ninth year for the Maryland Senior Olympics, which is sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland in cooperation with the Maryland Office on Aging. Over 900 seniors participated in this year's Olympics, which had 51 events ranging from table tennis to the 10,000 meter run.

Personal Testimony

The Greenbelt seniors agreed that physical activity is an important part of their lives and the Olympics provide a good incentive to stay in shape.

Arthur Endres, who has participated in the Olympics since 1984, said he trained for three months prior to the competitions. Although he is usually active—playing golf, tennis and bowling—his training focused on endurance and technique.

"I rode by tandem bike around

the lake every day, giving the neighborhood kids a bike ride," Endres said. He was coached in the discus, shotput, and javelin throw by Nick Kavalakides, University of Maryland Intramural Director.

Endres, who has a doctorate in physical education, said he has always been physically active. During college he was on the track, golf, tennis and boxing teams. After graduation, he played for one year on a professional football team, the Wisconsin Cardinals.

Regarding the Senior Olympics, Endres said, "It was great. I really look forward to it."

Harvey Geller, who has been competing in the Olympics for seven years, said he has always been physically active. He regularly takes a physical education class at the University of Maryland, where he is president of the Golden I.D. Student Association.

"I do a lot of bike touring during the summer. A month or so before the Olympics. I start working on speed and distance," Geller said. He said the Olympics were a great way to show that senior citizens can be very active.

Credit to Instructor

This was the second year of competition for Mary Duvall and Alberta Tompkins. Both credit their exercise instructor, Myra Elfenbein, with getting them involved in the Olympics and helping them to train.

Tompkins said Elfenbein, who teaches the senior citizen exercise class in Greenbelt, met them at the Roosevelt High School track once a week for several months before the Olympics. "She timed our walks and gave us a lot of encouragement," Tompkins said.

Besides taking the exercise class, Tompkins reports she walks and takes a gymnastics class. "That's my hobby—physical activity," Tompkins said.

Mary Duvall said she enjoys walking and during the summer, walked two miles around the Roosevelt track every day. Duvall currently walks one to two miles three to four times a week and is taking the senior citizen exercise class. Duvall said when it gets cold, she does her walking in the area malls.

"The Olympics are terrific," Duvall said. "It's great to see people in their 80's in the novice walk."

Alfonso Geiger participated in the Olympics for the first time this year. Although he didn't train for his only event, Geiger captured a bronze medal. He said he plans to train next year and to participate in more events.

Geiger had to leave the Olympics before the official results of the 100 meter dash were announced. His grandchildren picked up his medal and presented it to him in an Olympic ceremony of their own, complete with flowers, flag and the National Anthem.

Qualifications

Senior citizens 55 and older are eligible to participate in the Olympics. Seniors participate in events according to their age group: 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, and 80 and over.

Art Slusark, corporate public relations manager for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland,

said the events are assessed to be either high-risk or mild-risk. Seniors are only allowed to participate in two high-risk activities. In order to participate in the Olympics, seniors must sign a waiver and pay a \$17 entrance fee.

He said the Maryland Office on Aging and the Maryland Senior Olympics Commission organize the three-day event. Volunteers are recruited to act as timers, judges, and in other capacities.

The Olympics started this year with seniors carrying a torch in one-mile increments from Annapolis to Towson State University on Thursday, September 29. The Olympics concluded Saturday night with the Senior Follies, an amateur talent show put on by the seniors.

The medal-winning seniors are now eligible to participate in the National Senior Olympics, which will be held in June in St. Louis. Arthur Endres went last year and said he plans to go again this year. The seniors must pay their own way and most agreed that, due to expense, they probably wouldn't attend.

Anyone interested in being involved in the Maryland Senior Olympics can contact the Maryland Office on Aging, Blue Cross

"To Your Smile"

by
Ray Vidal, D.D.S.



What is splinting?

Teeth can sometimes become loose as a result of injury or advanced periodontal (gum) disease. Splinting involves joining these teeth to each other and to stronger adjacent teeth to give mutual strength and support. The principle is similar to using one or more cross boards to connect the individual upright units of a wooden fence to make one strong structure.

There are 2 methods of splinting, internal and external. Internal splinting usually involves joining two adjacent teeth using preformed wire or perforated metal strips inserted in prepared notches in each tooth. A plastic filling covers and protects the splinting material. This method is generally employed in long term treatment.

External splinting has traditionally involved wire, silk, plastic or a combination of these as a temporary support for loose or injured teeth. In recent years a new form of splinting has been developed as a variation of the bonded bridge. In this technique, a metal casting is made which covers the back of each tooth in the splinted area. This technique allows for long term support of weakened teeth without the undesirable complications of internal splinting or full crowns.

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LOCAL COLLEGE STUDENTS MAKE THE DEAN'S LISTS

Nine students from Greenbelt, some attending schools out of state, have been featured in the 11th annual edition of the National Dean's List. They are: Rani Allam - Fredonia College; Benjamin Butler - Bellevue College; Holly Butler - Bellevue College; Debra Ciomei - University of Maryland, Baltimore Professional School; Folasade Fashina - Howard University; Linda Galiber - Howard University; Rogee Moslev - Norfolk State University; Meena Vig - University of Maryland, College Park; and Michelle Young - University of Maryland, Eastern Shore.

Students are selected by their college deans or registrars and must be in the upper 10% of their class. The National Dean's List is published by Educational Communications, Inc.

and Blue Shield of Maryland or the Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

CHEERLEADERS SCORE IN COUNTY COMPETITION

The Greenbelt Raider Cheerleaders participated in the Prince Georges County Competition on November 20.

Two squads attended the day-long event at Cole Field House. The Junior Squad (12 years and under) members Jessica Boldt, Jennifer Carey, Lindsey Dial, Carrie Hamilton, Samantha Mulkey, Crystal Myers, Danielle Nixon, Sara Rashkin, Emily Rodriguez, and Crystal Sweeney did an outstanding job winning third place. The senior squad (16 years and under) members Marci Barber, Stephanie Biel, Abigail Boldt, Yolanda Briggs, Jennifer Fraser, Denise Goodwin, Shanelle Ingram, Rosalie Kowmas, Tara Kowmas, Robin Kearney, Toni Torillo and Imelda Trimble also made Greenbelt proud by winning second place.

Congratulations to the cheerleaders and thanks for the hard work.

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council

Monday, December 19, 1988
8:00 p.m.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendation (The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks (*) placed beside them, subject to such revision as may be made by the Council prior to approval)
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)
- * 7. Minutes of Council Meetings
8. Administrative Reports - Presentation of Report on North End Center
- * 9. Committee Reports - Presentation - Advisory Planning Board Report Sign Plan - Marriott Court Yard
- * - Advisory Planning Board Report ZMA A-9754 - Greenhorne & O'Mara World Headquarters

III. LEGISLATION

10. Resolution to Establish an Ad Hoc Committee for the Establishment of Greenbelt Foundation - Second Reading
11. Resolution to Establish an Arts Advisory Committee - Second Reading
12. A Resolution to Authorize the Condemnation of Certain Real Estate in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland for the Purpose of Adding Such Property to Schrom Hills Park to be Developed by the City of Greenbelt in Accordance with the Plan of Development of Schrom Hills Park - Second Reading

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

13. Windsor Green Homeowners Petitions - 1) Opposition to Proposed Extension of Mandan Road to Brae Brook Drive - 2) Expenditures for Capital Improvements
14. Maryland Trade Center IV - Site and Landscape Plan (APB Report 88026)
15. Marriott Billboard
16. Marriott Court Yard - Site and Landscape Plan
17. Marriott Sign Plan
18. Role of the City in Dealing with Needs of Its Disabled Non-Senior Citizens in Areas Other Than Recreation (PRAB Report 10-88)
- * 19. Traffic Study
20. Cable Television Franchise
21. State Legislation - PG 405-89; PG 411-89; PG 412-89
- * 22. Greenbelt Museum - Request to Planning Board for Waivers
- * 23. Stormdrain Grates - Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road
- * 24. State Bid - Police Cars

V. SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTE: THIS IS A PRELIMINARY AGENDA - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Greenbelt Grab Bag

by Punchin' Judy

"You're such a smart-Alec," said my neighbor Krankshaft.

"Moi?" I cried in surprise. "Innocent little me, mild mannered girl reporter on the Greenbelt News Review!"

"Innocent, my eye! And believe me, you're no Superperson or even a Lois Lane."

"Well, you're no Lloyd Ben- sen," I countered. "So what's your recommendation?"

"'Tis the season to be merry," he noted. "Why don't you write something for the smallest Greenbelters?"

"Just by chance I happen to have this little children's song here," I said diffidently.

He read it and sighed. "Just by chance you happen to be no Irving Berlin, but I guess it's better than nothing. Astrid Elf, indeed!"

Astrid Elf
Pity little Astrid Elf
In a corner by herself.

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Oh my, what will Santa say?

All the other little elves
Busily helped to fill the shelves.
Toys and games they made
each day

Soon to go on Santa's sleigh
Just before his midnight ride
Santa Claus came back inside.

"I need one more toy, I fear;
I'm so glad that you're still
here!"

Astrid Elf leaped up with joy -
Quickly made a lovely toy.
Santa Claus said, "Ho, Ho,
Hey!"

Astrid Elf, you saved the day!"
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Remembering Leo Gerton

by Eileen Peterson

Despite the biting cold last Saturday morning, over 50 friends and relatives of the late Leo Gerton gathered on the grassy slope across from the High's store on Centerway to remember him.

In a tribute read beside the simple ground plaque and kousa dogwood given by the Gerton family, City Councilman Thomas X. White expressed the feelings of many as he recalled Gerton's place in the community.

Following are excerpts from that tribute:

"We are here today to memorialize one of Greenbelt's finest citizens. . . . The Center was so much a part of Leo's life and, in return Leo was a significant contributor to the life of this Center. . . . It is very easy to retrieve with mind's eye a particular personal memory of Leo, either in or near the High's store he operated for so many years.

"The real measure of Leo Gerton, however, is in how he extended himself beyond the Center and put countless hours, quiet energy and enormous heart into very important community-wide endeavors. . . . intended to improve Greenbelt or assist its citizens.

"Leo's work on the City Council and its Advisory Planning Board contributed greatly to the development of the Greenbelt Master Plan. [His efforts] brought comprehensive health testing and disease screening programs to Greenbelt. Even Leo's love for fishing was transformed into his own personal and unique fish fry [at Greenbelt Lake]—everyone was invited, of course.

"One of Leo's fondest achievements was his role as one . . . who worked tirelessly to bring the branch library to Greenbelt. . . . It was not surprising that Leo earned his community's highest honor (when he became) Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen of 1977. . . . Let this memorial,

situated in one of his favorite places, be a constant reminder of how we can be good citizens and serve others."

Attending the short service were Gerton's daughters, Nancy Shepherd and Janet Doernberg, grandchildren Brendon and Brandi, sister Etta Bregman and Leo's good friend Vivian Lawless, who came from San Diego, CA, where Leo had been living when he died June 27. Thanking those who came to remember him Lawless said, "Leo's body rests in California, but his heart is here in Greenbelt."

Recreation Review

Christmas Tree Sale

Christmas trees will be on sale at the Braden Field Batting cage area until Dec. 24. The schedule is Saturday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sunday, noon - 9 p.m.; Monday - Friday, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. The sales benefit Cub Scout Pack 202 and Boy Scout Troop 1746.

Indoor Soccer League

Co-ed play will begin on January 15. Games are on Sundays in Greenbelt. The registration deadline is Dec. 30. Call 474-6878 for more information.

Roller Skating

This program, held at the Center School Gym, has recessed for the year and will resume again on Wednesday, January 11.

Ryan - Costa

Molly Marie Ryan and Kenneth Paul Costa were united in marriage Nov. 26 at Sacred Heart Church in San Diego, California.

The bride is the daughter of William Ryan of Portland, Ore. and Peggy Ryan of San Diego, CA. Molly is sales manager and executive assistant of Fabulous Inn in San Diego.

The bridegroom is the son of former Greenbelters Joe and Evelyn Costa of Murrieta, CA. Ken formerly worked for the Greenbelt Recreation Dept. He graduated from Wheeling Jesuit College, Wheeling, W. VA in 1986. Ken is now a teacher of science in the Vista, CA school system.

Officiating at the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony was the Rev. Peter Weingand, OSB, second master at St. Anselm's Abbey School in Washington, D.C. where Ken was a 1982 graduate.

Flower girl and ring bearer were Kelle Lynn and Matt Downs, grandchildren of Greenbelters Dee and Jack Downs. Attending from Greenbelt were Ken's sisters Laurie Costa and Donna Fletcher and niece Lisa Fletcher.

The couple will reside in Rancho Penesquitos, CA.

The Roosevelt Rap

Relax and enjoy a full and varied evening of music at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Friday, December 16. The program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free to the public, will feature the Roosevelt symphony orchestra, jazz band, symphonic and concert bands, as well as the concert choir and women's choir. Greenbelt residents who will appear with the symphonic band are John Compton, Erin Harpe, Nicholas Jones, Sung Jun, Allyn Lane, Dan Law, Melissa McNair, Sharon Millman, Nikki Stimpson, John Wiggins, Isaac Wiley, and Christine Zippert.

The ERHS Music Department presented its Fall concert on November 18 when the wind ensemble, concert orchestra, concert band, and flute, gospel and chamber choirs joined to honor several of the students' private music teachers. Appearing with the concert band were Daniel Bodner, Zandra Brown, Lisa Byrd, John Compton, James Fielder, John Fineran, Charles Ford, Jr., Shanelle Ingram, Brian McIntosh and Douglas Wilson of Greenbelt.

Planning Board Actions

On Thursday, December 8, the Prince Georges County Planning Board approved site and landscape plans for the NYMA Day Care facility and the Rigg's Bank pad. The Planning Board conditioned their approval on the outside play area being secured during the day care center's hours of operation (subject to Health Department and Fire Marshall approval).

These will be at the Maryland Trade Center.

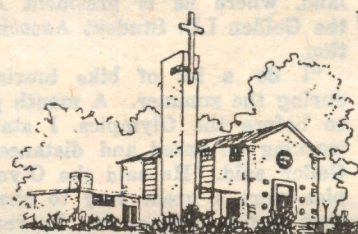
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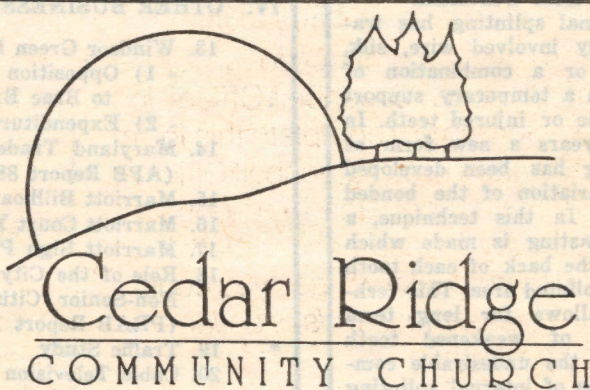
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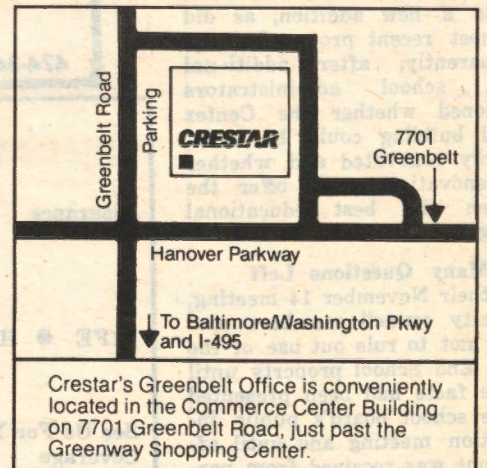
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School Is Planned, But Where

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possibility surfaced that the school system might use 10 acres of the vacant 72-acre surplus school land in Greenbelt's north end to build a new Greenbelt Elementary School, and an additional 15 acres for a new middle school. (The Greenbelt Middle School is currently placed in the County Public School's Capital Improvements Program for renovation in Fiscal Year 1992, with planning to begin in Fiscal Year 1990.)

This potential use of the surplus land for schools drew protests from Greenbelters, since the county is expected to transfer the land to the city for parkland use in the near future. These concerns were heard by school board member Suzanne Plogman and Superintendent John Murphy, who invited the city council to an informal dinner meeting. As a result, school officials are no longer considering placing a new school on the part of the surplus school property between Northway Extended and Hamilton Place. The North End School site still remains an option.

School board spokesman Brian J. Porter recently said, "School officials have narrowed the possible choices to either the renovation of the existing Greenbelt Center School or the construction of a new facility on another site, with serious consideration being given to the site of the former North End Elementary School."

According to Plogman, school officials have invited the city council to a follow-up meeting on December 20 to talk informally about the options and about council's willingness for a new elementary school to be constructed on the North End site if it is deemed "feasible and if the community so desires." Architect Garcia has visited the site, Plogman said, and wants to involve the community in drawing up detailed plans if a new school is the choice. If Center School is renovated, students will be transferred to another school during reconstruction; present plans call for the students to be transferred to Bladensburg Elementary, which is expected to be vacant by that time.

In the past, the city council has encouraged and supported school board actions to move ahead on the rehabilitation of Center School. In September 1986 school board architects Dewberry & Davis completed a "Facility Evaluation & Cost Analyses" for Center School, including the probable costs of renovation "to meet contemporary school planning standards for a projected student population five years hence." The report did not include a new addition, as did the most recent proposed plans.

Apparently, after additional study, school administrators questioned whether the Center School building could be satisfactorily renovated and whether the renovation would offer the children the best educational setting.

Many Questions Left

At their November 14 meeting, four city council members preferred not to rule out use of the North End School property until all the facts had been presented at the school board's public information meeting and until after input was received from parents of students and from the community. The school board, not the city council, will make the final decision on whether Center School will be rehabilitated or a new school will be built on an alternate site.

The majority of council refus-

ed to consider councilmember Thomas X. White's motion that "council note its disapproval of consideration of the North End Center for an elementary school site to replace Center School." White wanted council to reaffirm previous decisions to support the establishment of an intergenerational facility in the old North End school building and its longstanding preference that Center School be maintained as an educational facility. No councilmember spoke in favor of abandoning Center as a school.

If the school issue comes down to a choice between a renovated Center School and a new school on the site of the old North End School, Greenbelters will need to know how the city would propose to use a vacant Center School building if there were a trade of sites. Would this building be adequate (or could it be made adequate) for a senior day-care center? A senior drop-in center? An arts center? Would it be suitable for a performing and musical arts facility? If some or all of these uses were put into place, would parking near the building be sufficient? Would there be any restrictions imposed on the facility because of its inclusion on the National Register of Historic Buildings?

An important factor in the choice would be cost. What would it cost to convert Center School to a community center? How much would it cost to renovate North End School and convert it to such a center? (At the December 19 city council meeting, a plan for renovation and use of North End school is expected to be unveiled.) Would operating costs for each center be about the same or do some important differences exist between the two sites which would influence operating costs?

If the school board chooses the North End school property as the site for the new school, residents will also need to know (a) whether the city will retain ownership of any of the 13-acre tract; and (b) whether (as indicated at a May 1988 public hearing) the city will have to pay for asbestos removal and demolition of the old school building.

Handicapped Parking

The City of Greenbelt recently established a policy for responding to requests for designated handicap parking spaces on city streets. A resident seeking such a space must submit a written request to the City Manager's office. The request should identify the reason and the requested location for the space, as well as the license number of the vehicle to be parked in the space. This vehicle must bear approved handicap identification.

A copy of the request will be forwarded to the Public Works Department for a verification of the location of the space and its suitability for designation for handicap parking. Upon receiving verification, the City Manager will authorize the designation of the handicap space, at which time the Public Works Department will appropriately sign and mark a space.

Please note that NO on-street parking space will be designated if suitable off-street parking is available. Also note that even though a handicap space is requested for a specific vehicle, any vehicle with handicap designation can park in the space.

The City Manager's office maintains a list of persons requesting designated handicap spaces. From time to time those persons will be contacted to verify that there is still a need for the designated spaces. If it is determined that a need no longer exists the Public Works Department will be directed to remove the handicap designation.

State Championship Team Includes Greenbelt Runners

Greenbelt runners Liz Heaney and Laura Shields were members of Roosevelt's High School girls Class 4A Maryland state cross-country championship team which won at Hereford High School on November 11. Roosevelt, under new head coach Debbie McCracken, won the county, regional and state championships.

Liz Heaney finished second on the team in 7th place in 19:54 and Laura Shields finished 5th on the team and 39th place in 21:43. Other members of Roosevelt's winning team were: Kendra Hickman, 3rd place in 19:04, Paula LaVorgna 12th in 20:33 and Pam Fordham 24th in 21:01.

Metro Agrees to Study Sites for Service Yard

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) will do further environmental and design studies on alternate sites for the Transit Car Service and Inspection Yard for the Green Line metrorail system. In a meeting on November 15 with representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers WMATA agreed to re-evaluate the sites. The proposed inspection yard will be located at the end of the Green Line.

According to Peter Stokely of EPA, WMATA agreed to investigate possible alternate sites north of Sunnyside Road. WMATA is also attempting to get access to the A. H. Smith property so that site can also be studied. Presently, however, the owners of the property have not allowed representatives from WMATA or EPA on the site. WMATA is attempting to get access through their legal representatives. The site, which is north of Greenbelt Road and south of the Beltway, is currently used for a sand and gravel operation and for auto salvage.

Consultants for WMATA plan to investigate the other alternate sites for the size and quality of wetlands, and also to evaluate the environmental and economic impacts of development. The proposed location of the yard has concerned EPA for a number of months. EPA contends that WMATA did not adequately evaluate the two sites mentioned in their Environmental Assessment Report before choosing their preferred alternative nor did they consider constructing the yard on the A. H. Smith property.

WMATA's preferred site for construction of the yard is north of the Capital Beltway between Edmonston Road and the CSXT Railroad on Beltsville Agriculture Research Center property, but EPA is concerned that the proposed construction will disturb the extensive wetlands system on the site.

It is expected that the study will be completed by the end of December.

Women's Hall of Fame

Nominations Sought

The Prince Georges County Commission for Women is seeking another group of outstanding women to induct into the Women's Hall of Fame. The commission is accepting nominations through January 15, 1989. Nomination forms are available at local libraries and the commission office which is located at the Largo Government Center in Landover.

According to Shirley A. Gravely-Currie, chairperson of the Women's Hall of Fame Committee, "up to five women who have made significant contributions to Prince Georges County, the state of Maryland and the nation will be inducted into the county's Women's Hall of Fame at its second annual ceremony." Continuing, Gravely-Currie said, "contributions may be made in the fields of government, law, education, business, arts, sports, science, medicine, community leadership and volunteer work." The induction ceremony will be held during Women's History Month which is in March.

The commission is a women's information and referral center, and sponsors educational seminars and workshops. Winners will be announced in early February. For additional details, call the commission office at 925-5372.

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Hoyer Amendment Transfers Glenn Dale Hospital Land to District of Columbia

by Heather Elizabeth Peterson

In Prince Georges County this week, Glenn Dale Hospital stands silent and empty. It has been this way for years.

In the District of Columbia, controversy continues over the District of Columbia Appropriations Bill as Washington officials accuse Congress of interfering with D.C.'s local affairs.

These two facts—the vacancy at Glenn Dale and the controversy over the bill—have become entangled as a result of a piece of legislation by Congressman Steny Hoyer. His amendment to the Appropriations Bill actually gives the District something the federal government has and D.C. wants: the title to Glenn Dale Hospital.

The hospital ownership has been ambiguous from the start. Though the land is located five miles from Greenbelt, outside the District's borders, it was deeded to the United States in 1930 for a D.C. project. Under the authorization of Congress, the District of Columbia built a children's tuberculosis sanitarium there.

The last tuberculosis patient was treated at Glenn Dale in 1972, and the hospital finally closed in 1980. Then the court battles began.

They came about because the District tried to lease the property in 1983. The United States, filing suit against the District the following year, argued that

the District could not control the property now that it was no longer being used for the purpose Congress had authorized, that is, as a hospital.

The U. S. District Court for Maryland, and later the U. S. Court of Appeals, agreed with the District that it had control of the property. However, the United States still owned the property.

This led to the confusing situation described last March by Hoyer: "The federal government holds title to (the property), but has been found by the courts to have no right to control the property. The District controls the property and could lease it, if a lessor could be found. The District does not, however, have the right to sell it. Prince Georges County has an obvious interest in the Glenn Dale site, but no right to determine the disposition of it."

Sale of Property

The Hoyer legislation conveys the title of the land from the federal government to the District. This transfer took place October 1 when President Reagan signed the Appropriations Bill into law. Proponents of home rule in the District continue to be angered by several amendments added to the bill by Congress. These amendments overturn decisions made by the District's city council on certain local matters, and Congress threatens to cut off the District's funding if the amendments are not complied with. However, the Glenn Dale Hospital transfer, which involves no funding, seems unlikely to be affected if the Dis-

trict refuses to comply with the amendments.

The District has already decided to sell the site, and it came to an agreement with Prince Georges County early this year as to how the buyer will be found.

A lawyer who assisted the county in preparing the agreement says that the sale will take place in several stages. County Executive Parris Glendening and D.C. Mayor Marion Barry will each select an appraiser for the property. These appraisers will choose a third appraiser, who will set a property price based on information gathered by the first two.

An advisory board will select the developer. Of the eight board members, six are from the county and two—both of them ex officio members—are from the District. The selection ultimately goes to Glendening for approval.

The District will receive the proceeds of the sale. The county, which will have interim control of the site, will be reimbursed for its expenses.

The county can at any time make its own offer for the land, but it must meet the price set at the first stage. Although County Councilmember Richard Castaldi hopes the county will be able to buy the property, he thinks it probably will not be able to afford to do so. He says, "I would be very much surprised, the way development is going on, if Prince Georges County could get the property."

Glendening stated last March that the agreement would offer the people of the county "the

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opportunity to obtain new park and recreation space." However, Tim Ayers, spokesperson for Glendening, says that the county itself has no plans at this time to buy any land. Ayers believes that the land will be developed into a primarily residential area.

However, he says, "Part of the sale agreement might be that the buyer would set aside a certain amount of land for parks and trails." This will be one of the ways in which the developmental proposals will be judged.

Says Ayers, "We would certainly anticipate that a large portion of this (land), whether designated 'park,' would remain green space."

CITY NOTES

Requests for leaf and special trash pick up were heavy. However, additional manpower was assigned to help alleviate the back-up.

The parks crew was busy all week collecting leaves. The horticulturist's crew spread mulch on flower beds around town.

The general crew renovated the Recycling Center near the Public Works Building by black topping the area around the center. Also an additional bin for newspapers has been installed by the buildings crew.

The Greenbelt Connection transported a group of senior citizens from the nursing home to Beltway Plaza for a shopping trip.

We would like to welcome back Cindy Murray, who returned to work this week.



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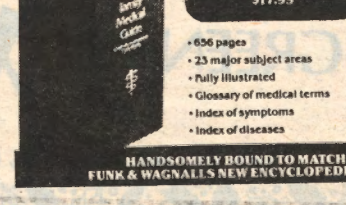
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Council Splits Over Criticism

(Continued from page one)
was seriously concerned with the problem staff was having in meeting its deadlines. He suggested that every report might not need the city manager's individual attention.

White pronounced his belief that the delay on North End is because council hasn't given sufficiently strong a message to the city manager that it's interested in a North End report . . . If you don't want the report, why don't you tell (Giese) that? Put him out of his misery . . ."

White said that the North End matter has been delayed, not for a month but for a year: "When council has the North End Center on its agenda, the fallback is always, 'Well, we're waiting for the staff report.' 'Well, it's not only a game, it's a joke, waiting for the staff report.'"

Putens moved that staff be required to prepare the report in time for the next council meeting on December 19.

Financing vs. Planning

Giese said he would meet any deadline council gave him but that staff had been trying to resolve the North End financial issues, such as grants: "These are the issues we've been giving our first priority to—to try to put together a financial package that works."

Isaacs replied that in order for council to deal with the financial issues, it needs to know North End's overall plan.

The plan itself, Giese indicated, depends on what money is available. However, Putens disputed this, saying that Giese's been working too much on the individual parts of the program. Said Putens: "I may not vote for a certain portion of that program. . . . And you've been spending all this time on this (portion of the) program, trying to secure grant or fund money which maybe council doesn't even want, which maybe citizens don't even want."

White added, "One thing that I picked up from Mr. Giese's response regarding the financial consideration is that he's making decisions for us. . . . You're hesitant about certain things because of financial considerations, and that in my mind is making my decision for me. What I want is the report . . . and let

me participate in the decision-making."

"I don't think there's any staff decision that's been made that isn't within the parameters of the council's directions," protested Giese. "You directed us to get the senior citizens grant and you directed us to get the adult day care grant."

Ann Pisano of Citizens for North End repeated her organization's wishes that renovation be begun, saying, "I think we've been very patient." To Bram's statement that the city didn't have the money yet for renovation, Pisano replied, "You have over 800,000 (dollars) you can get started with." However, Giese told council that "The amount of money we have now, if spent, would probably not result in an occupiable building."

Isaacs agreed with Pisano, saying, "I think that if we waited in every instance to have the money ahead of the planning, a lot of things wouldn't get done in this town."

There was some discussion of how much the renovation would cost. Tony Pisano said the school board had estimated it would cost two million dollars to renovate North End as a school, and that Citizens for North End Center (CNEC) concurred with that figure. Bram, on the other hand, said that preliminary architectural plans and the University of Maryland had put the renovation figure at four million dollars.

"Let's not both guess," said Pisano. "Why not get started with the planning of it and find out what it's going to cost." Pisano said CNEC would be willing to help Giese with the planning, as the group had already submitted plans to the city over a year and a half before, "which all of you almost accepted wholeheartedly."

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld sympathized with staff's busy schedule, saying, "While I would have liked to see staff come up with a North End proposal, I certainly understand the fact that they have not come to that point. . . ." Weidenfeld supported the motion, telling Giese that "we need just some basics to go with."

The motion was passed requiring staff to have the North End report ready by December 19.

WINTERIZE WATER PIPES

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) reminds people to now turn off all water pipes leading to outside spigots at the inside valve. Open the spigots themselves and drain them of all residual water. Never leave a hose connected to an outside spigot, even if the faucet is one of the new "frost free" designs.

Inside pipes can freeze too, if they are situated near an outside wall or if the heating system doesn't serve the immediate area. If this is a possibility wrap some type of insulating material around the pipes, or make some provision to allow for warmer air to circulate in the room.

If a water pipe is found to be frozen, one of the most effective ways to thaw it is to use a handheld hair dryer. Never use an open flame. An open flame can readily melt the solder joint, causing a major leak and water damage to the contents of the room. One method to forestall frozen pipes is to leave the cold water running by just a trickle during the coldest days.

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RPC Zoning in City's Core Retained by County Council

by Mavis Fletcher

On November 29, the Prince Georges County Council unanimously passed a bill allowing Greenbelt to retain and add to its Residential Planning Community (R-P-C) zoning. The bill, sponsored by Councilman Richard Castaldi, provides for the reclassification of property to the R-P-C category or the expansion of the R-P-C zone either by the adoption of the Master Plan and the subsequent Sectional Map Amendment process or by Zoning Map Amendment. As a condition for such reclassification, the land must have been originally classified as R-P-C before Jan. 1, 1969, or the land must abut an existing R-P-C parcel.

Prior to the adoption of this bill, the Zoning Ordinance prohibited the reclassification of any land to the R-P-C category and the expansion of the R-P-C zone which already existed. The bill's passage clears the way for Greenbelt to retain its R-P-C zoning when the new Langley Park-College Park-Greenbelt Master Plan is adopted and in the accompanying Sectional Map Amendment process which will follow the plan's adoption.

As originally proposed, the master plan would have removed Greenbelt from the R-P-C category and zoned the land to conventional zoning categories. Since existing development in many cases would not satisfy the requirements of conventional zoning, many structures in the city would have been designated "non-conforming uses" in these categories. The disadvantages of such a designation caused city officials, the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., citizens groups, and many individual citizens to protest the master plan proposal. After a public hearing on the matter, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) agreed to modify its master plan to allow retention of the R-P-C category in Greenbelt. Castaldi's bill paves the way for such modification.

According to Joseph Chang, a planner with MNCPPC, the master plan proposal is being redrafted to retain R-P-C zoning in the core of the city and return certain parcels of land to the R-P-C category. The tracts which MNCPPC intends to add to the R-P-C zone in the master plan include Parcels 1 and 2, Chang said. Parcel 2 was recently acquired by the city and the city council has instructed its staff to start negotiations for Parcel 1.

Other Provisions

The bill requires that the master plan will be the official plan

for the R-P-C zone and that any subsequent changes to that plan will require approval of a specific detailed site plan. The bill specifies that no grading, building, or use and occupancy permit may be issued without such a site plan. However, the bill does allow additions to "one-family" homes where the area of the addition does not exceed 25% of the floor area of the dwelling. Procedures for getting county permits for such small additions will remain as they are now.

Other structures such as porches, decks, sheds, and fences may also be erected without submission of a detailed site plan to the county planning and zoning authorities.

The bill limits densities in the R-P-C zone to eight dwelling units per gross acre and specifies that densities in specific residential blocks may not exceed the density shown on the official plan.

The official plan will also contain design guidelines which will control the appearance of structural additions or renovations.

City Views

According to Celia Wilson, Greenbelt's Planning and Development Coordinator, the bill meets the concerns of the city. Wilson, who represented the city at an earlier Planning and Zoning Committee hearing on the matter, said that the city asked that all existing non-conforming structures in the R-P-C zone receive blanket certification. It also wanted some provision in the bill allowing minor additions to single family homes without detailed site plan review by the county. Amendments to take care of these two concerns were added to the draft by the committee which reported the bill favorably to the county council.

GHI Concerns

The board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. discussed the bill at its meeting on Dec. 1.

POLICE BLOTTER

Officer Thomas Moreland arrested a 14-year-old non-resident on Dec. 4 at 4:15 p.m. after he was seen concealing merchandise in his clothing and then attempted to leave Best Products store in Beltway Plaza. The juvenile was released to his parents pending juvenile court action.

A window in the Variety store in Roosevelt Center was smashed on Dec. 6 about 2 a.m. by a man who then stole an assortment of magazines and fled. Police officers gave chase but lost him in the Gardenway area. He is described as white, 5 ft. 10 in., 160 lbs., wearing a black leather motorcycle jacket and blue jeans.

At Trak Auto, a man seen concealing merchandise walked out of the store without paying on Dec. 6 about 9 p.m. He is described as black, age 25, 6 ft., 170 lbs. wearing blue jeans pants and jacket with a dark shirt and tennis shoes. He drove away in a silver, 2-door late model foreign car with D.C. tags.

Other reported thefts include: lawn furniture taken Dec. 2 from a backyard in the 8200 block of Canning Tr.; a purse left unattended Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. at Kangaroo Kates; a personal computer taken Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. from an unlocked office in the 7400 block of Greenway Center Dr.

Vehicles: Stolen and Recovered
Five non-residents, ages 13 to

18, were seen by Officer Michael Lanier getting out of one Chevy Spectrum and into another in the rear parking lot of Beltway Plaza on Dec. 7 about 8:30 p.m. As the officer proceeded to investigate, all five left the second vehicle and went inside the mall. Lanier found that both vehicles had been stolen a week earlier within Prince Georges County. All five were arrested without incident and charged with auto theft. The four juveniles were released to their parents or guardians pending juvenile court action; the 18-year-old was held on \$10,000 bond pending trial.

A 1989 Jeep Wrangler, stolen on Nov. 27 from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Tr., was recovered in the District on Dec. 6. Officer Mark Lagerwerff recovered a 1974 Ford Ranger pickup in the parking lot of Greenway Center on Dec. 2. The truck had been stolen in Beltsville in October. No arrests were made in either case.

A resident reported the theft of his vehicle on Dec. 5 at 4:30 p.m. as he was unloading it in Greenway Center. He had left the car unlocked with the keys in the ignition. The car is a burgundy with wood grain 1976 Chevy Caprice station wagon with DC tags D-00056.

Other vehicles reported stolen this week include: a white 1988 Kawasaki motorcycle taken from the 8000 block of Lakecrest Dr. on Dec. 8; a blue, four-door Toyota Corolla, tags BSV-6896, taken Dec. 7 from the 6000 block of Springhill Dr.; and a black 1986 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28, MD tags VML-968, taken Dec. 4 from the 7800 block of Hanover Pkwy.

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At G&O, Yoder will be responsible for the establishment, implementation and management of the new department. He will be researching and developing new opportunities from all sectors of business related to G&O's varied practices of consulting services.

Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc., employs 1,200 engineers, architects, scientists, and technicians in 16 offices throughout Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Florida, North Carolina, Georgia and Colorado. Yoder will be located in the firm's corporate headquarters in Greenbelt.

Derek Lewis Joins Coakley/Williams

Thomas J. Long, Vice President of Commercial Real Estate Brokerage for Coakley & Williams, Inc. announces that Derek S. Lewis has joined the Commercial Real Estate Brokerage Division. He will be responsible for new business development. Prior to joining Coakley & Williams, Mr. Lewis worked with the Vantage Companies based in Dallas, Texas.

Helen Wong Joins

PaineWebber Staff

PaineWebber Mortgage Finance is pleased to announce that Helen Wong has joined its team of residential mortgage loan officers in the company's Greenbelt branch. Wong will be serving realtors and homebuyers in Laurel and the surrounding areas of College Park, Lanham and Beltsville.

Wong serves on the Builders and Brokers, Equal Housing, and Mortgage Finance Committees of the Montgomery County Board of Realtors.

Prior to joining PaineWebber Mortgage Finance, Wong was a personnel recruiter for a Bethesda-based company. She expects to graduate from the University of Maryland with a degree in Marketing.

Lease Transactions

Thomas J. Long, Vice President of Coakley & Williams Commercial Real Estate Brokerage, announces the following lease transactions: in the Maryland Trade Center II, Dr. Marvin Apter, Dentist, 1,094 sq. ft.; Dr. Schissler, General Practitioner, 2,980 sq. ft.; and Technical Aids/Microtemps, Technical Employment service, 1,589 sq. ft. In the Maryland Trade Center II, Maryland National Mortgage, Mortgage services, 2,125 sq. ft.

New Lease Signed At Golden Triangle

The Washington office of The Prudential Property Company announces four leases have been signed at The Golden Triangle Office Park, a business park located at the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue, Greenbelt Road and Interstate 95. The first two buildings are completed and 95 percent leased.

At Building I, a six-story building located at 7833 Walker Dr., Upjohn Healthcare Services and Techno Sciences have renewed their leases and Gruman Aerospace has signed a new lease. In addition, Chrysler Corporation has signed a new lease in Building II, a six-story building at 7855 Walker Dr.

Burke Assumes New Position

Kelly Services Inc. has named Patricia Burke office automation specialist for the Greenbelt area. Burke is responsible for identifying employment needs in office automation for area businesses.

Law Firms Merge

The law firms of Milton Jernigan & Associates, P.C. and McNamee, Hosea & Scott, P.A. have agreed to merge their two practices on December 1 into a new 10-lawyer firm to be known as McNamee, Hosea, Jernigan & Scott, P.A.

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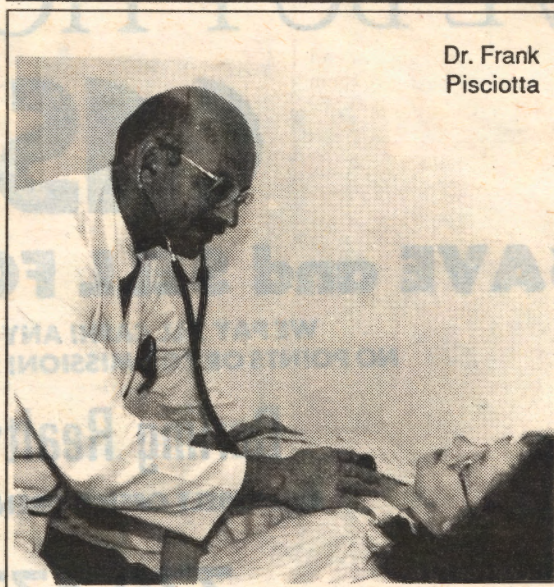
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- Has your stool caliber decreased?
- Do you have diarrhea or constipation?
- Do you have problems urinating?
- Is your urine bloody or dark?
- Do your bones or joints ever hurt?
- Do you bruise easily or bleed excessively when cut?
- Do you have back pain?
- Have you had pneumonia in the past year?
- Have any moles changed in size or color?
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Committee Eyes North End Site for Seniors' Housing

by Diane Oberg

On Thursday, November 10, the Greenbelt City Council met with representatives of the Seniors Housing Committee of the Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative to discuss a study of possible sites for a senior citizens' apartment complex. At the conclusion of the meeting, the committee agreed to prepare a proposal for presentation at a public hearing early next year.

The group wants to establish a limited-equity cooperative to build and manage the complex. Under their proposal members would buy and sell their memberships in the co-op, but would not be permitted to profit from the sale. In order to make the proposal financially viable, the group is seeking a long-term lease, at nominal rent, on a piece of city land.

When they met with council in February 1986, the group requested use of land between St. Hugh's school and the lake park. Although council never took formal action on that proposal, individual councilmembers made it clear that that site was unacceptable.

In 1987 council directed the city's architectural consultants to review the feasibility of building the apartments on the North End School property. This report, completed in December, was the subject of the November 10 meeting. According to committee member Jim Cassels, a special exception would be needed from the county in order to build in that location.

Councilmember Antoinette M. Bram urged the housing committee to recognize the likelihood of opposition from some parts of the community to any action to transfer city land to this group and that their request could spur other groups to seek city lands for private use.

This caution was seconded by councilmember Edward Putens, who despite considering senior housing a priority, said that the issue of transferring public land for private use must be addressed. He estimated that the land around the school could be worth up to \$200,000 per acre.

Councilmember Thomas X. White agreed that there is a lack of housing for seniors. He said that previously available options for financing such housing have been "pretty much devastated." He applauded the efforts of the Senior Housing Committee and suggested that the city's "payoff" for making the land available would be the tax receipts from the building.

Cassels said that since the city would continue to own the land, his group would not expect to pay tax on the land, but that they are not seeking an exemption from the tax on the building.

Architects from the firm of Grimm and Parker have studied four possible locations for a 100-unit apartment building. Although this site study was the subject of the worksession, council has not yet approved the concept of leasing any city land to this group.

Sites Studied

All four options would place a 100-unit apartment building on the school land. However, as City Manager James K. Giese noted, there are many more possible sites and configurations for the project and additional work would have to be done before a specific site could be chosen.

The first site studied is adjacent to the school building. This would require the demolition of the original back classroom wing, but would require cutting

fewer trees than the other three sites.

The next site is on top of the ballfield behind the school. According to their report, the architects preferred this site: "This proposal is the most environmentally sensitive and practical solution that allows full use of North End School as a community center and the best solution of the four site studies presented." One drawback noted by both the architects and Giese is the steep grade separating the apartment building from the school, at which the city plans to operate senior day care and senior activity centers.

The remaining two options are in the wooded area in the rear of the lot. Both place the building in roughly the same location, differing only in the number of stories and square footage of land covered. The architects noted that both are workable locations but that each proposal "erodes a substantial amount of the natural wooded area of the site and would seem to be an impractical solution."

Neither the council nor the committee favored the first alternative, but both were open to further exploration of the remaining sites. The proposal is complicated by the school board's recent mention of the North End property as a possible site for a new elementary school if Center School cannot be adequately renovated. Giese doubted that it would be possible to construct the apartments if a new school were built on the lot.

Weidenfeld said that the public hearing should present all the parameters of the proposal, including type of operation, resales, the preference to be given to Greenbelters in selecting members, land rental fee and the relative lack of available subsidies.

What Do We Do With Godzilla?

by Mavis Fletcher

At their Christmas dinner on Dec. 12 at the Greenbelt Marriott the Greenbelt Lions heard Councilman Richard J. Castaldi review some of the issues facing the county.

Castaldi, who is currently vice chair of the Metro Board and who will move up to chair the board in January, said that the Green Line is moving ahead toward its planned completion date in 1993. He noted that one of his concerns is the pressure of commercialism on Metro. He pointed out that the half-million people a day who ride the system are a tempting target for advertising, vending, and banking machines. He said that he fears this commercial clutter will make Metro less efficient, safe, and clean and eventually lead to a decrease in ridership.

Castaldi also spoke about the problems of trash management, saying that the county has to dispose of about 2400 tons of trash a day. A comprehensive approach to trash disposal includes recycling, landfill, and solid waste

recovery, he said. Prince Georges County plans a widespread recycling program; however, he noted that the council has studied waste disposal programs nationwide and has found no recycling effort which has achieved more than 30% effectiveness. That program, he said, also has the advantage of having been in place for years. It is a matter of long-term education, he said.

Castaldi said that he personally does not believe that mandatory recycling will work. Incentives for voluntary participation have a better chance of succeeding, in his opinion. He gave as an example free trash pickup for those who separate their trash.

"You people are the key," he said. "We are a wasteful country. We use too much packaging." He illustrated his point

with a story which he credited to Jo Ann Bell, county council chair: Not long ago there was a movie called "Godzilla" about a monster ape which was terrorizing cities. "When the movie was over and the ape was dead," he said, no one left the movie theatre asking 'But what are they going to do with the body?'

GHI NOTES

The GHI offices will close at noon on Friday, December 23 for the employees' annual Christmas party. The offices will be closed all day on Monday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday. For emergency maintenance on those days, members may call 474-6011.

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Twenty-three Greenbelters have been included in the 22nd annual edition of "Who's Who among American High School Students." They are: Johanna Bolin, Kimberly Butler, Katina Byrd, Doris DeVor, Michelle Dorsey, Ashley Emanuel, Richard Focht, Jr., Alexander Gomelsky, Angela Goodlow, Bret Howard, Camille Jones, Kun Kim, Michelle Lee, Seong Lee, Julie Morin, Indira Narine, Cathy Olson, Maureen Pacanowski, Song Pak, Wendy Shindler, Mary Stringfellow, Gwendolyn Woodard, and Rebecca Williams.

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The committee will prepare a proposal for staff and council comments prior to the public hearing.



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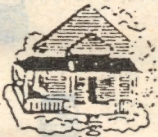
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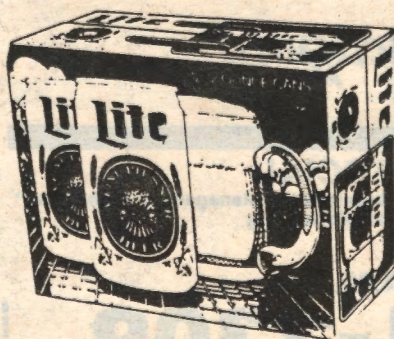
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